

# A NOTE REGARDING SOFTWARE

## ATARI® HOME COMPUTERS

As part of a continuing effort to enhance product quality, Atari has designed the ATARI XL Series computers to offer extended hardware and operating system software capabilities.

This XL series computer includes built-in ATARI BASIC programming language. Some diskette and cassette programs require that the BASIC language be disengaged before they will load. This is accomplished by holding the OPTION key down during the entire program loading sequence.

Unfortunately, a few programs written by independent firms violate Atari's guidelines for compatibility, and as a result, will not work with ATARI XL Computers. Atari will continue to work with these independent firms but cannot force them to follow our guidelines and therefore, cannot be responsible for such programs. Until the independent software firms incorporate our new XL system enhancements, the "ATARI Translator" diskette will allow most of their software to run on your new computer. Contact ATARI Customer Service for details.

BASIC programmers using XL computers to develop software should make note of the following recommendation. To recover unused variable name and program space that accumulates during successive SAVE/LOAD operations to a cassette or diskette, the following operation should be performed when the program is in memory. LIST "C:", NEW, ENTER "C:" for cassette. LIST "D:filename", NEW, ENTER "D:filename" for diskette.

Should you have other questions with software programs on your ATARI Home Computer, call ATARI Customer Service toll-free (800)538-8543. California residents call (800)672-1404. For questions about APX brand software, call APX Customer Service at (800)538-1862. In California, call (800)672-1850. If you encounter problems using the Atari software programs *States and Capitals* or *Graph-It™* on your ATARI XL series computer, you can order a free replacement from ATARI Customer Service at one of the numbers above. If you experience difficulties with non-Atari software, you should contact the firm that produced it or call ATARI Customer Service.



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